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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS

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1. SCICOUNS HAD DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH TROSHIN  
AND V. MAL'TSEV OF MINPOWER MARCH 13 COVERING POINTS  
IN REFTEL. (MAL'TSEV HAS BEEN NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
OF THE SOVIET PART OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
COOPERATION IN ENERGY.)

2. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION ON EXPERT GROUP VISITS IN  
THE AREAS OF COAL, OIL, GAS, INFORMATION AND  
FORECASTING FOLLOW BY SEPTELS.

3. TROSHIN AGREED WITH U.S. PROPOSAL THAT SOVIET  
GAS TEAM VISIT THE U.S. MAY 26-JUNE 6 AND PROPOSED  
THAT THE SOVIET OIL EXPERTS MAKE THEIR VISIT AT THE  
BEGINNING OF JUNE. THE RECIPROCAL U.S. GROUPS  
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WOULD THEN VISIT THE USSR AFTER THE SECOND JOINT

COMMITTEE MEETING IN MOSCOW. SCICOUNS POINTED OUT THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE U.S. EXPERTS BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO AGREE UPON COOPERATIVE PROJECT AREAS, WHICH WOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, WITHOUT HAVING FAMILIARIZED THEMSELVES WITH SOVIET EFFORTS IN THESE FIELDS. THE SOVIET COAL EXPERTS WOULD PROBABLY END UP IN THE SAME SITUATION. TROSHIN SAID IT WAS THE UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THOSE INVOLVED ON THE SOVIET SIDE THAT RECIPROCAL VISITS BY THE TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS WERE NEITHER NECESSARY NOR REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. THE SOVIETS ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH SEEING TO IT THAT JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN OIL, GAS, AND INFORMATION WILL BE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN JULY. WHETHER THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE THE RESULT OF ONE OR TWO MEETINGS OF THE TEMPORARY EXPERTS GROUPS IN EACH AREA IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT QUITE IMPORTANT THAT RECIPROCAL VISITS TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING TO ENSURE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE FULLEST POSSIBLE UNDERSTANDING OF THE STATE OF THE ART IN EACH COUNTRY. HOWEVER, WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT THE SOVIETS CAN BE INDUCED INTO RECEIVING THE U.S. OIL AND GAS DELEGATIONS BEFORE JULY UNLESS THE U.S. ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED ARE PREPARED TO TAKE A TOUGH STAND ON THIS POINT. THE ONLY REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE, AS WE SEE IT, WOULD BE TO GO ALONG WITH THE SOVIET POSITION PROVIDED THERE IS MUTUAL AGREEMENT THAT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE COULD BE MODIFIED IF NECESSARY AFTER THE U.S. EXPERTS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED THE USSR.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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